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SUBJECT: SPECIAL SUMMARY NO. 15

1. ICELAND: ARTICLE VII?

CONCERNED THAT THE ICELANDIC GOVERNMENT MIGHT INVOKE ARTICLE VII OF THE US DEFENSE AGREEMENT ON MAY 30, THE DATE OF PRESIDENT NIXON' S ARRIVAL, AMBASSADOR IRVING HAS OBTAINED AN APPOINTMENT WITH FOREIGN MINISTER AGUSTSSON FOR THE MORNING OF MAY 28. HE PLANS TO EXPLAIN TO AGUSTSSON WHY MAY 30 WOULD BE AN UNFORTUNATE DATE, AND TO EXPRESS HIS FEAR THAT THE INVOCATION OF ARTICLE VII MIGHT SPARK A VIOLENT DEMONSTRATION. (CONFIDENTIAL) REYKJAVIK 599, 5/26.

2. ICELAND COD DISPUTE YET WORSE

A. COAST GUARD FIRES ON TRAWLER

EMBASSY REYKJAVIK AND REUTER REPORT THAT AN ICELANDIC GUNBOAT FIRED TWO SHOTS INTO A BRITISH TRAWLER 30 MILES OFF ICELAND' S COAST. THE TRAWLER, WHICH REPORTEDLY IGNORED WARNING SHOTS AND ORDERS
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TO HEAVE TO, IS NOW MOVING EASTWARD UNDER ITS OWN

POWER, ESCORTED BY A BRITISH TUG. THE BRITISH AM-
BASSADOR IN REYKJAVIK HAS LODGED A FORMAL PROTEST.
(UNCLASSIFIED) REYKJAVIK 596, REUTER 123, 124, 153,
154, 5/26.

B. OPPOSITION LEADER WARNS ICELAND MAY LEAVE NATO

GEIR HALLGRIMSSON, CHAIRMAN OF THE PRO- US OPPOSITION
INDEPENDENCE PARTY, HAS WARNED AMBASSADOR IRVING
THAT UNLESS NATO TAKES POSTIVE STEPS TO MEDIATE THE
FISHERIES DISPUTE, ICELAND MIGHT WITHDRAW FROM NATO.
HALLGRIMSSON SAID THE PARLIAMENT' S FOREIGN AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE ON MAY 28 WOULD PROBABLY CALL FOR THE DIS-
PUTE TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE NAC AND THE UNSC. HE
URGED THAT NATO FIND AN ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION BEFORE
THE UNSC BECOMES INVOLVED. HE ALSO SUGGESTED THAT
AN ACTIVE BUT DISCREET US ROLE IN THE NATO ACTION
MIGHT HELP SAVE THE IDF. (SECRET) REYKJAVIK 595,
5/26.

3. OPEC, OIL COMPANIES TO RESUME TALKS

SHORTLY BEFORE THE START OF A SPECIAL OPEC MINISTERIAL
EMERGENCY CONFERENCE ON SANCTIONS, WESTERN OIL COMPANIES
INFORMED OPEC THEY ARE READY TO REACH " A NEGOTIATED
SETTLEMENT." TALKS WILL BEGIN IN GENEVA MAY 28. OPEC' S
SECRETARY GENERAL REFUSED TO INDICATE WHETHER THE OIL
PRODUCING STATES WOULD ACCEPT LESS THAN THE 11.1 PERCENT
INCREASE THEY HAVE DEMANDED, BUT HE SAID THE EMERGENCY
CONFERENCE WOULD RESUME IF NEGOTIATIONS FAILED. (UN-
CLASSIFIED) REUTER 174, 175, 5/26.

4. CAMBODIA

SLIGHT PROGRESS WAS MADE BY CAMBODIAN FORCES ON ROUTE 5
NORTH OF PHNOM PENH AFTER HEAVY US AIR STRIKES. FANK
CONTINUED ITS EFFORTS TO REINFORCE POSITIONS ON THE WEST
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BANK OF THE MEKONG RIVER OPPOSITE NEAK LUONG. IN AIR
ACTION, B52' S FLEW 60 SORTIES WHILE US TACTICAL AIRCRAFT
FLEW 182 STRIKES. (SECRET) CAMBODIAN DAMSREP, 5/27.
NMCC PHONE CONVERSATION, 5/27. RUSH

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